

WAIPAHU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 22

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2006 WAIPAHU CULTURAL GARDEN PARK

CALL TO ORDER: Chair George Yakowenko called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Chair Yakowenko said anyone wishing to speak must first be recognized by the Chair. There are specific time limits for agenda items, while questions and answers are not part of the time limit.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marty Burke, Constante Domingo, Lorraine Duhaylonsod, Irene Elston, Reggie Garcia, Thomas Maus, Kerry Nishimoto, Richard Oshiro, Russell Roller, Rito Saniatan, George Yakowenko.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Julie Duldulao, Craig Richter, Robert Tokioka III.

GUESTS: Maureen Andrade (Mayor's Representative/Cultural and Arts), Councilmember Nestor Garcia, Connie Herolaga (Councilmember Garcia's office), Karen Scharfenstein (Councilmember Gary Okino's office), James Nakatani (Congressman Ed Case's office), Frank Lopez (Governor's Representative/Department of Public Safety), Senator Brian Kanno, Senator Clarence Nishihara, Representative Jon Karamatsu, Lance Arakawa (Representative Rida Cabanilla's office), Brandon Lee (Representative Ryan Yamane's office), Acting Captain Brian Mactagone (HFD), Lt. Guy DeMello, Lt. William Weisskopf and Maj. Randy Macadangdang (HPD), Officer Brian Navares (Weed & Seed), Jane and Rodney Nishihara (BWS), Scott Ishikawa (State Department of Transportation), Darrlyn Bunda (Waipahu Community Association), Pat Lee (Honolulu High-Capacity Corridor Transit Project), Collin Miyamoto (Avalon Development), David Bremer and Scott Snider (Hawai'i Bicycling League), Kevin Kinvig (USDA-NRCS), Rod Ohira (Honolulu Advertiser), Mike and Jennifer Freeman (Royal Kunia Community Association), Clarence Agena, Harlow Urabe, John Millen, Lance and Stephanie Widner, Jennifer Yagin-Tamayo, Sheldon Yano, Steve J. Rodrigues (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND BOARD MEMBERS – At the request of Chair Yakowenko, everyone introduced themselves at this time.

FILLING OF VACANCIES FOR SUBDISTRICTS 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 – Chair Yakowenko asked if there were any candidates willing to fill the vacancies in Subdistricts 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11. There were no willing candidates.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR – Chair Yakowenko asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Burke nominated Richard Oshiro to serve as Vice Chair and Saniatan seconded the nomination. Burke moved and Nishimoto seconded to close the nominations. There being no other nominations, Oshiro was elected by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 26, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Elston moved and Burke seconded that the Waipahu Neighborhood Board approve the minutes with the following corrections:

Page 1, under the heading, delete "2005" and insert "2006".

Page 3, under Mokuola Vista, concerns and comments, insert "Mr. Kajiwara and other Nalii Street residents spoke in opposition of the project."

The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT - No report.

Chair Yakowenko reiterated his concerns that since the new fiscal year began in July, there have been no expenses taken out of the Publicity Account. The Board has a monthly article published in Midweek and questioned if Midweek is getting paid for their services. Burke mentioned he called the Neighborhood Commission Office and has been told



that they have been getting the invoices and have been paying Midweek. There is a long lag in paying the bills. He said if we could clone Neighborhood Assistant Steve Rodrigues things would run smoothly.

OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – No representative was present at this time, but arrived later in the meeting to make a report.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. William Weisskopf reported the statistics for the month of January in the Waipahu area: 28 assaults; 65 auto thefts; 20 auto theft recoveries; 44 burglaries; 71 criminal property damages; 3 drug/narcotics; 240 motor vehicle collisions; 6 O.V.U.I.I; 4 robberies; 91 thefts; 60 UEMV's; and 3.370 calls for service in Waipahu.

Concerns and comments followed:

- Garcia had concerns about the high amount of criminal property damage cases. Lt. Guy DeMello said
 officers conducted a night operations on the freeway from Mililani towards Pearl City and also at the Pearl
 City Courthouse, but no arrests were made.
- 2) A resident asked where are the "hot" spots. Lt. Weisskopf answered the Pupu area (disturbance calls), Kahumoku Street, Hans L'Orange Park (homeless/drugs); and Waipahu District Park. Lt. DeMello added Waipahu Intermediate and High School.
- 3) Oshiro suggested building graffiti-resistant retaining walls. Currently, when the graffiti is painted over it only makes it worse. Scott Ishikawa of State Department of Transportation (DOT), stated for the H-1 Freeway widening project in Waimalu they planted bougainvillea. The Pearl City Police conducted a sting operation a couple of months ago and caught a couple of individuals.
- 4) Garcia inquired what statistic would gambling come under. Lt. Weisskopf stated probably under miscellaneous. Lt. DeMello added they could capture it if so requested.
- 5) Resident Sheldon Yano thanked HPD for their vigilance on Moaniani Street. He asked HPD that they continue to erect the speed board, specifically in front of Tony Honda. Lt. DeMello said Moaniani Street is an ongoing issue. Officers are aware of the problems.

Maj. Randy Macadangdang informed everyone that this will be his last meeting, as he will be transferred on March 19 to Honolulu, District 1. His replacement will be Maj. Debora Tandal. He said Waipahu has a good community and a good Neighborhood Board. The late Chair C.O. "Andy" Anderson always had a good things to say about HPD. Weed & Seed is not funded, but it plays an important part in the community. Chair Yakowenko said most of the Board members think highly of you and appreciated all the officers who attend the meetings. He thanked Maj. Macadangdang and wished him good luck. (A round of applause was given at this time).

HPD Weed & Seed – Officer Brian Navares reported: 1) Weed & Seed will be sponsoring a volleyball clinic on March 4, Pupu Mini Park, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. 2) Easter Eggstravaganza will be held on April 8. For more information, contact Darrlyn Bunda at 671-6931. 3) Explorers recently completed natural response disaster training with the National Guard. To request Explorers to volunteer at your event, visit www.honolulupd.org. 4) He apologized for missing last month's meeting. 5) Officers conducted a search warrant on Pahu Street. They recovered drugs and made arrests. Also, a joint project with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) was conducted on a suspected drug house on the Pupu Street area. 6) Safety Tip: Unauthorized Entry Into a Motor Vehicle (UEMV) is usually a crime of opportunity. Criminals will break into a vehicle when valuables are visible. Don't leave valuables in site or in your trunk.

Chair Yakowenko called for a recess at 7:32 p.m. Orders resumed at 7:33 p.m.

The agenda was taken out of order. There were no objections.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS:

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Jane and Rodney Nishihara circulated BWS' monthly report and highlighted the following: 1) There were two main breaks in the month of January in Waipahu. As the useful lifespan of our current water main ends, BWS is spending millions of dollars to replace them to insure reliable water service and help prevent main breaks. This is just one of many ways BWS continue to be the stewards of Oahu's precious water. 2) BWS has announced the 2006 Water Conservation Week Poster Contest for all students in kindergarten through 6th grade. Deadline to enter is March 9. This year's theme is "Each and Every Day I Save Water My Way." 3) March 5-11 is Detect-A-Leak Week. BWS is asking everyone to check for leaks at home and work. Promotional flyers and leak detection dye tablets were distributed. Entry forms are available to qualify for a free water audit. 4) Water Savings Tip: "Not turning off the water as you brush your teeth can use as much as four gallons of water each time."

The agenda resumed regular order.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

Problems in Neighborhood – A resident, who lives across of Jack Hall Housing, raised a number of concerns regarding a number of residents of Jack Hall Housing who get rowdy when they gather and consume alcohol. Her family has had confrontations with these individuals. Another concern she had was that the road barriers are still erected at The Renaissance development. Regarding the problems at Jack Hall Housing, Chair Yakowenko suggested contacting an ombudsman. Lt. DeMello said he will speak with the resident outside of the meeting.

Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project – Pat Lee encouraged everyone to get involved in the process. The project is 22 miles long, from Kapolei to Honolulu. He circulated brochures and fact sheets on the project. For more information, contact 566-2299 or visit www.honolulutransit.org.

The agenda was taken out of order. There were no objections.

OFFICIALS REPORTS, Continued:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Acting Captain Brian Mactagone reported: 1) For the month of January, the Waipahu and Waikele Fire Stations responded to 10 fires and 160 medical emergencies. 2) Safety Tip: "Every home should have a WORKING smoke detector installed near each sleeping area and on every level. Since cooking vapors and steam can set off a smoke detector, the detector should be located away from the kitchen or bathroom. Wall-mounted detectors should be positioned 4 to 12 inches below the ceiling and away from air vents. 3) The following results are from a survey conducted of 80,000 elementary school students in which almost 48,000 responded: 87% of the homes had smoke detectors and 2% were not certain whether one existed. Of the 87%, 67% of the families tested their detectors that month and only 71% of the smoke detectors were operational. This survey enforced our belief that "Every home should have a WORKING smoke detector."

The agenda resumed regular order.

COMMUNITY REPORTS:

Castle & Cooke – Kevin Funasaki sent a report via the Neighborhood Commission Office.

Central O'ahu Regional Park/Waipio Soccer Facility — Burke circulated his monthly community report and highlighted the following: 1) Central O'ahu Regional Park — a) The pool is heated to insure water circulates to maintain a constant temperature. Daily operating hours are: lap swimming weekdays from 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., and 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; and on weekends from 7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Clubs may reserve the pool for practice weekdays from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. b) Waipahu Vision Team-funded playground apparatus, including resilient decking, has been installed. 2) The City Council Committee on Parks deferred action on Resolution 06-041, to rename the Waipio Soccer Facility the "Patsy T. Mink Soccer Complex." The City Council and Navy continue to seek ways to allow more restrooms to be installed nearer the fields.

Department of Transportation (DOT) - Scott Ishikawa reported: 1) He described plans for the Farrington Highway Rehabilitation project, which will begin in April. He thanked area Legislators for approving the budget to make the project possible. The landscaping is already completed. Repaving will be done Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They will work with area businesses to leave at least one driveway open. One direction will be done at a time and one lane will be closed. Grace Pacific is the contractor. More details will be provided at next month's meeting. 2) Improvements to Kunia Road should be completed tomorrow, if not next week.

Oshiro reiterated his concern regarding DOT requiring contractors to put up graffitiresistant finishes on retaining walls. Ishikawa will follow-up. Nishihara said some of the "tags" are directing people where to buy drugs or are gang-related. About 50% of the "tags" are related to criminal activities.

Hawai'i Plantation Village – Chair Yakowenko asked if there was any representative from Hawai'i Plantation Village in attendance. The late Chair C.O. "Andy" Anderson used to give the monthly reports. If there are no objections, this item will be removed from the agenda. This item can be placed back on the agenda if requested.

Leeward YMCA – Chair Yakowenko said Manual Ayala sent his regrets.

OMPO Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) – Chair Yakowenko mentioned that the Board's OMPO representative Craig Richter will be moving in a couple of months. He is a voting member of the CAC. Since last year he has only attended one meeting so the Board could lose voting status. Chair Yakowenko asked if anyone was interested in filling the position. Maus agreed to accept the position.

Waipahu Community Association (WCA) – Darrlyn Bunda reported: 1) Groundbreaking and blessing were held for the Waipahu Festival Market Place. They are still waiting for the permits. 2) WCA is in its second year of a drugfree community grant. Eight students from Waipahu High School will be making a video message to disseminate to other communities. 3) They will be setting up a graffiti-busters program throughout the community. 4) WCA will be sponsoring a Town Hall Meeting on March 28, August Ahrens Elementary, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. The topic of discussion will be underage drinking. 5) Their Annual Meeting of Members will be held on March 15. She encouraged everyone to join. 6) WCA will be holding a major fundraiser event on September 9 at the FilCom Center. The proceeds will be used to keep WCA afloat. 7) As a tribute to the late C.O. "Andy" Anderson, WCA would like to name the Training Center in honor of Anderson.

Waipahu Community Foundation – Roller announced the deadline to submit an application for the next quarterly grant is Friday, March 3. He encouraged non-profit youth organizations in the Waipahu area to apply. Applications are available through him or at the Waipahu High School administration office. If anyone needs assistance in filling out the application or wants an electronic copy of the application, please contact him at 671-6636.

PRESENTATIONS:

Kipapa Gulch Pathway – David Bremer and Scott Snider of the Hawai'i Bicycle League, gave a brief presentation on the Kipapa Gulch Pathway project. The Neighborhood Board did support this project in the past. Board member Burke did participate in the Advisory Committee. Councilmember Garcia has been very supportive of the project. The pathway located at old Farrington Highway is 1.4 miles long and would be lighted at night. It's important to the Waipahu and Mililani communities. It's an alternate to driving. They asked for the Board's support so that they could get sponsorship from the City. If they get sponsored, it would enable them to receive 80% in federal funding.

Concerns and comments followed:

- 1) Nishimoto said it sounds like a good idea, but he had concerns if security, EMS, HFD, and HPD would have access to the pathway. Snider stated it would be similar to the Pearl Harbor Bike Path, where emergency vehicles would have access.
- 2) Nishihara also had concerns that dirt bikes would use the pathway. Snider noted that the dirt bikers ride near the cemetery.

Burke moved and Duhaylonsod seconded that the Waipahu Neighborhood Board No. 22 support a resolution (see attachment) requesting the City sponsorship of a Kipapa Gulch Pathway for pedestrians and bicyclist along the old Kamehameha Highway Right-of- Way. The motion carried unanimously.

Sugar Mill Center Development – Collin Miyamoto, Avalon Development, gave a brief update on the Sugar Mill Center development. The area is dual zoned; commercial and I-2 (industrial). They have plans to develop in the commercial area (i.e. concrete warehouses). There are six plans for Phase I. Road Y will connect Mokuola and Waipahu Streets. This project will bring a lot of businesses back to Waipahu and also improve the area.

Concerns and comments followed:

- 1) In response to Oshiro regarding the commercial area, Miyamoto stated they are trying to sell it but there are no firm offers. It's less than two acres and zoned B-2.
- 2) Chair Yakowenko asked Miyamoto to let him know when he wants to be on the agenda to give an update.

Chair Yakowenko relinquished the gavel to Vice Chair Oshiro.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Decision on how to expend Board's FY06 Publicity Account Funds (Olelo versus Midweek) — Chair Yakowenko noted that Burke has been writing monthly articles that has been published in supplement section in Midweek. Chair Yakowenko said he has been trying to get the community more involved so they would attend the Board meetings. He watches other Neighborhood Board meetings on Olelo. Waipahu High School students taped one of the Board meetings last year, but it was never aired on Olelo. The average costs per taping is between \$200-\$300. Yakowenko moved and Domingo seconded that the Waipahu Neighborhood Board No. 22 approve the use of its Publicity Account funds to have its monthly Board meetings videotaped to air on Olelo, in lieu of publishing in Midweek. Discussion ensued.

Discussion included:

- 1) Maus said a lot of people don't subscribe to cable; therefore are not able to watch Olelo.
- 2) Oshiro asked if the Board could request if its article be placed in the regular Midweek section. Burke stated he has asked Midweek a number of times. It would probably cost more to do so.
- 3) Roller questioned what happened to the proposal from the Neighborhood Commission Office regarding videotaping meetings. Yakowenko said it was only a proposal.
- 4) Oshiro suggested the Board have a trial videotaping for a couple of its meetings, while the Midweek articles could continue.

Yakowenko withdrew his motion and Domingo withdrew his second.

Redistricting Waipahu Neighborhood Board Seats – Yakowenko mentioned one of the big problems is that the Board currently has five vacancies and may have six in a few minutes (see next agenda item). He and Connie Herolaga have tried to recruit residents but no one has expressed a desire to join the Board. He also put an article in his church's newsletter, where there are 1,000 people in the congregation, but hasn't received one response. The Board should look into redistricting its 11 subdistricts for the 2009 Neighborhood Board elections. There isn't enough time for the 2007 elections. Redistricting could create more at-large seats. He suggested forming a redistricting committee. Yakowenko moved and Nishimoto seconded that the Waipahu Neighborhood Board No. 22 appoint a committee to redistrict the Board seats. The motion carried, 10-1-0. Nay: Domingo.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Declaring Subdistrict 6 Seat Vacant – Yakowenko stated Julie Duldulao no longer resides in subdistrict 6. She has sold her house, her email has been returned undeliverable, and she no longer works for the State Attorney General's Office. He has tried many times contacting her, but has been unsuccessful. Since June 2005, Duldulao has attended two Board meetings. Yakowenko read the Neighborhood Plan Section 3-9.1 "A vacancy shall occur immediately whenever a Board member moves from the subdistrict, or an at-large member, from the neighborhood to which elected or appointed." He also read NP Section 4-2.3 "When a Board member accumulates three or more absences within a one year period, beginning June 1 and ending May 31, the Board shall have the option to declare the seat vacant and appoint a successor. At least 21 days prior to such action, the Board, by register or certified mail, shall serve notice at the person's last known address, of the Board's intent to implement the option to declare the seat vacant." He checked with Joan Manke, Executive Director of the Neighborhood Commission Office, and she said the Board could proceed with NP Section 3-9.1. Duhaylonsod moved and Burke seconded that the Waipahu Neighborhood Board No. 22 declare Julie Duldulao's Subdistrict 6 seat vacant since she moved out of the subdistrict. The motion carried unanimously.

Naming the Adult Room at Waipahu Public Library in Honor of C.O. "Andy" Anderson – Senator Nishihara said he discussed naming the Adult Room at the Waipahu Public Library in honor of the late C.O. "Andy" Anderson with the State Librarian and the School Board. The proposal will go to the full Board on March 2. He suggested the Neighborhood Board pass a motion supporting the proposal and writing a letter of support. Only six people have been so honored, some because they gave a lot of money.

Burke asked what is the possibility of naming the entire library after Anderson. Senator Nishihara answered it would be difficult. A room would have a better chance of being approved.

Duhaylonsod moved and Garcia seconded that the Waipahu Neighborhood Board No. 32 write a letter in support of naming the Adult Room at the Waipahu Public Library in honor of C.O. "Andy" Anderson. The motion carried unanimously.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS, Continued:

Mayor's Representative – Maureen Andrade reported: 1) The Honolulu Centennial Family Festival will be held on March 30-31 from 5:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight; April 1 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 midnight; and April 2 from 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. at Magic Island. There will be live entertainment, rides and games, food booths, etc. Admission is free. 2) She circulated a calendar of events for the Mayor's Office of Cultural of the Arts. The Mission Memorial Auditorium is free to use by non-profit organizations. 3) The Mayor's monthly newsletter, "Honolulu News", was circulated by Neighborhood Assistant Steve Rodrigues.

Concerns and comments followed:

- 1) Garcia has concerns about the number of potholes, especially with the recent rainy weather. Andrade stated the City has been very successful in patching potholes. The City has a pothole hotline.
- 2) Chair Yakowenko had concerns that when a vehicle with a large engine passes this car (JGP940) on the street, its car alarm goes off and by the time police respond, the alarm shuts off. It's a frequent problem that occurs day and night. Andrade will follow-up.
- 3) Snider asked that the Mayor support the Kipapa Gulch Bikeway project.
- 4) A number of Board members expressed their desire to keep Rodrigues as their Neighborhood Assistant. Burke said the Board is really happy with Rodrigues. He said to take this message back to the Mayor "how much the Board loves Rodrigues and there are lots of votes in Waipahu." Roller said he has been working

with Rodrigues for the past few years and he never left important details out of the minutes. Andrade said C.O. "Andy" Anderson was promised that Rodrigues would be kept as the Board's Neighborhood Assistant.

She would pass on the information to the Mayor, she also suggested calling Joan Manke, Executive Secretary of the Neighborhood Commission Office, at 527-5749 and voicing your concerns.

Councilmember Nestor Garcia – Connie Herolaga circulated Councilmember Garcia's monthly report. In addition, Councilmember Garcia stated: 1) He introduced Lance Widner, community liaison. 2) The Waipahu District Park pool is closed due to structural problems. He will keep the Board appraised. 3) Tomorrow is the Mayor's State of the City Address. It will be aired live on Olelo on Channel 54 at 11:00 a.m. 4) Manke is the acting Executive Secretary and will remind her when her confirmation comes before the Council again. 5) The Parks Committee will hear the bill to rename the Waipio Soccer Facility in honor of the late Patsy Mink on March 28. 6) He's glad that Maus is interested in sitting on OMPO's CAC and hopes the Board becomes a sitting member. It's important that someone from Waipahu sits on the CAC.

Oshiro inquired about the CAC. Councilmember Garcia stated the panel is very instrumental for the ORTP.

Councilmember Gary Okino – Karen Scharfstein circulated Councilmember Okino's monthly report and was available for questions.

Congressman Ed Case – James Nakatani circulated Congressman Case's monthly newsletter and highlighted the following: 1) The Department of Defense's Quadrennial Defense Report highlights Hawaii's expanding role in our nation's defense and affects a range of military and civilian operations in the islands. 2) Congressman Case has offices in Washington, D.C. and Hawai'i and community coordinators in each county. For more information, contact 538-0233. 3) "Talk Story with Congressman Case" will begin tomorrow and continue through March 18. For times and date, please contact their office.

Governor's Representative – Frank Lopez circulated the "Governor's Update" and was available for guestions.

Senator Will Espero – Representative Jon Karamatsu circulated Senator Espero's monthly report. Senator Espero sends his regrets.

Senator Brian Kanno – Senator Kanno circulated his monthly report and highlighted the following: 1) He and Senator Espero introduced SB 3026 to help residents of Royal Kunia who were concerned about a plan to build housing on the land that was slated to be a golf course. The bill would have condemned the land to make a State park. 2) Also, he and Senator Espero are co-sponsoring community meetings to provide information about rail transit and solicit input from the community on the proposed routes. The first meeting was held last night in Kapolei. The next meeting will be held on February 27, Asing Community Park, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 3) Waipahu Legislators are sponsoring a community town meeting to provide an update on bills moving through the 2006 Legislative session on February 28, Waipahu Intermediate School, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 4) Now is the time to submit comments to OMPO. There are number of projects that would affect Waipahu.

Oshiro asked Senator Kanno if he sits on OMPO. Senator Kanno answered yes. One of the requirements of the CAC is that any group or organization needs to attend three meetings to become a member.

Senator Clarence Nishihara – Senator Nishihara circulated his monthly report and reported following last month's meeting, he and Senator Nishihara met with the developer of the Mokuola Vista project to discuss the project and the community's concerns and the possible solutions that will reconcile the affordable housing project and the concerns of the adjoining communities.

Representative Rida Cabanilla – Lance Arakawa circulated Representative Cabanilla's monthly report and highlighted the following: 1) Representative Cabanilla sends her regrets. 2) Representative Cabanilla introduced a bill relating to graffiti. 3) The Waipahu Legislative Town Meeting will be held on February 28, Waipahu Intermediate School Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. If you have any questions, call their office at 586-6080.

Representative Jon Karamatsu – Representative Karamatsu circulated his monthly report and highlighted the following: 1) This is his fourth Legislative session and his first as Chair of the House Committee on Economic

Development and Business Concerns. 2) He has been working on an important economic bill, HB 2181, which is part of the House Majority Package that aims to strengthen Hawaii's knowledge-based economy. 3) He asked if anyone has any questions on any bills.

Representative Mark Moses – No report or representative was available.

Representative Alex Sonson – Representative Sonson's monthly report was circulated

Representative Ryan Yamane – circulated Representative Yamane's monthly report and highlighted the following: 1) Representative Yamane sends his regrets. 2) Representative Yamane introduced HB 2126, which would provide an appropriation that would permanently house an ambulance unit in the Mililani area. This would decrease response time to medical emergencies in both Mililani and Waipio Gentry by precious life-saving minutes.

Burke suggested housing the ambulance unit at Waipio Gentry. The City already owns a chunk of land in Waipio Gentry. Originally, the land was set aside for a fire station.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) Chair Yakowenko announced that the Liquor Commission will be holding a hearing for Max's of Manila on April 6 at 4:00 p.m., which is applying for a liquor license. 2) Herolaga noted that everyone needs to exit through the front gate. Also the Waipahu Cultural Garden Park requests that the elected officials take their extra reports with them. 3) Roller mentioned Breene Harimoto of the Board of Education is interested in speaking before the Neighborhood Board.

ADJOURNMENT: By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Submitted by:

Steve J. Rodrigues Neighborhood Assistant